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SUBJ: COMMITTEE OF 24 AND PUERTO RICO

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1. THROUGH INADVERTENCE RECOMMENDATION FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONGRESSMEN ALBERT AND BURTON IN FURTHER REACTION TO YUGOSLAVS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE WAS SENT ONLY TO DEPARTMENT. FACT IS YUGOSLAVIA, DESPITE ITS ABSTENTION INSTEAD OF NEGATIVE VOTE, WAS ONE OF PRINCIPAL VILLAINS (AS IN PAST) IN HANDLING OF PUERTO RICAN ISSUE IN COMMITTEE OF 24. HAVING TOLD US REPEATEDLY THEY FAVORED POSTPONEMENT AND WERE WORKING ACTIVELY FOR IT, THEY THEN ABSTAINED. WE HAVE IT ON RELIABLE AUTHORITY TO WHICH WE GIVE FULL CREDENCE THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WORKED AGAINST ADJOURNMENT ON THE FLOOR. YUGOSLAV REP PRAISED "FLEXIBILITY" OF CUBA AND OTHER CO-SPONSORS IN HIS FINAL STATEMENT. THIS IS TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF YUGOSLAV SLIPPERINESS AT UN. IN VIEW OUR EARLIER REPRESENTATIONS TO THEM THAT WE WOULD REGARD SUPPORT OF CUBA ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AS AN UNFREINDLY ACT THEY SHOULD NOT, IN AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S AND MY VIEW, BE ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH THIS KIND OF BEHAVIOR. THEY WERE LEFT IN NO DOUBT HERE IN NEW YORK, AND I GATHER NONE IN BELGRADE, AS TO
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IMPORTANCE U.S. ASCRIBED TO THIS ISSUE OF GROSS INTERFERENCE

IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. IT IS AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S HOPE, WHICH I HEARTILY SHARE,
THEREFORE, THAT, IN ADDITION TO SUCH ACTION AS EMBASSY MAY BE
INSTRUCTED TO TAKE WITH YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT, CONGRESSMEN
ALBERT AND BURTON WOULD PASS ON TO APPROPRIATE YUGOSLAVS THAT
U.S. CONGRESS REGARDED THIS RESOLUTION AS INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF US. AND THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS MISSED
THE BOAT BY WIDE STRETCH OF WATER THROUGH ITS PERFORMANCE
IN COMMITTEE OF 24.
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